IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A catheter assembly allowing for non contaminated insertion of the catheter into a urinary canal, said assembly comprising:

a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into a urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end;

a closed catheter package having a generally tubular body with a cavity for accommodation of the catheter and, in a proximal end thereof, a catheter outlet through which the proximal end of the catheter can be projected from the catheter package upon opening thereof, said package also being provided with an opening separate from said catheter outlet for draining a liquid substance out of the package, said opening being closed before said catheter package is opened by a closing structure connected to said catheter, said closing structure being configured to open said opening upon projection of the proximal end of said catheter from the package; and

a sealing structure adapted to provide a substantially liquid tight seal between the catheter package and the urinary catheter, while the catheter is being dismantled.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure is arranged between an outer surface of the urinary catheter and an inner surface of the hose, the cavity thereby defining an upper receptacle located near the proximal end of the package and an oppositely located lower receptacle between the catheter and the generally tubular body.

4. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sealing structure includes a radially outwardly extending protrusion of the outer surface of the catheter.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 4, wherein at least one protrusion defines a resilient vane adapted to contact an inner surface of the generally tubular body.

Claims 8-15 (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein a distance from the proximal end of the catheter package to the position of the sealing structure constitutes between 0 and 100 % of a total distance between the proximal end of the catheter package and the opposite distal end of the package.

Claims 17-20 (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the catheter is provided with an outer surface part which, when treated with a friction-reducing substance, exhibits a low friction surface character.

22. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 21, wherein the package defines a liquid tight wetting pocket for treatment of the surface part with the substance.

23. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 21, further comprising an amount of the substance sufficient for effecting a treatment of at least the proximal end of the catheter, so as to provide a low friction surface property of at least that part of the catheter surface.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 23, wherein the substance is a lubricant.

27. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 23, wherein the substance is a water based solution for treatment of a hydrophilic catheter.

28. (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the opening is provided in the distal end of the package.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the closing structure connected to the urinary catheter is provided with a flow channel co-operating with an outlet provided in the package so as, in a first position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to prevent a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

33. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 32, wherein the outlet and the flow channel are provided so as, in a second position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to allow a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

34. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 32, wherein the flow channel of the closing structure further includes at least one inlet allowing a liquid substance to flow between the one of either the lower or upper receptacles and the conduit of the catheter.

Claims 35-40 (Canceled).

41. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein the package is being closed in the proximal end by a detachable closure.

Claims 42-59 (Canceled).

60. (Previously Presented) A catheter assembly comprising:

a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into the urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end; and

a catheter package having a generally tubular body with a cavity for accommodation of at least said proximal end of the catheter, a proximal end of said package including a catheter outlet through which the proximal end of the catheter can be

projected upon opening of said package and an opposite distal end of said package including an opening closed by a closing structure connected to said catheter, said closing structure being configured to open said package distal end upon projection of the proximal end of said catheter from the package prior to use.

61. (Canceled).

62. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the catheter is provided with an outer surface part which, when treated with a friction-reducing substance, exhibits a low friction surface character.

63. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 62, wherein the package defines a liquid tight receptacle for treatment of the surface part with the substance.

64. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 63, further comprising an amount of the substance sufficient for effecting a treatment of the surface part so as to

provide a low friction surface property of at least that part of the catheter surface.

65. (Canceled).

66. (Canceled).

67. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 64, wherein the substance is a lubricant.

68. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 64, wherein the substance is a water or saline solution for treatment of a hydrophilic catheter.

69. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the package is formed with a wall of a substantially gas impermeable material so as to allow long time preservation of the catheter and the substance in the package.

70. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein the closing structure connected to the urinary catheter is provided with a flow channel co-operating

with an outlet provided in the package so as, in a first position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to prevent a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

71. (Previously Presented) The urinary catheter assembly according to claim 70, wherein the outlet and the flow channel are provided so as, in a second position of the closing structure in relation to the outlet, to allow a liquid substance to flow from the conduit of the catheter and out of the package.

72. (Previously Presented) The urinary catheter assembly according to claim 70, wherein the flow channel of the closing structure further includes at least one inlet allowing a liquid substance to flow from the receptacle to the conduit of the catheter.

Claims 73-79 (Canceled).

80. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 1, wherein said closed package accommodates all of said catheter before being opened.

81. (Previously Presented) A catheter assembly according to claim 60, wherein said package before being opened accommodates all of said catheter.

82. (Previously Presented) A catheter assembly comprising:

a urinary catheter defining a conduit and having a proximal end adapted for insertion into the urinary canal of an individual and an opposite distal end; and

a catheter package having a generally tubular body closed at a distal end by a closing structure and closed at a proximal end by a closure to define a closed cavity for accommodation of the catheter, said closure covering a catheter outlet through which the proximal end of the catheter can be projected upon opening of the catheter package, said closing structure being connected to said catheter and configured to open said distal end of the package to allow fluid flow therethrough upon projection of the proximal end of said catheter through the catheter outlet prior to use.

83. (Previously Presented) The catheter assembly according to claim 82, wherein said package before being opened accommodates all of said catheter.